

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Tero SOUKKA et al.

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For: NANOPARTICLE FOR BIOAFFINITY ASSAYS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 23, 2009, a Petition for a three month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 26-38 are pending.

Examiner Yu is thanked for withdrawing all prior rejections of claims 26-38.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 26, 27, 29 and 36-38 over U.S. Patent No. 4,959,306 to Kameda et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,135,295 to Willner et al. is traversed. The claimed nanoparticle is a recombinant apoferritin particle (or a recombinant Dpr protein particle or recombinant Dps protein particle) in which at least a first binding moiety is genetically